for placing the order on MAMC for the project was not successful due to non-provision of liquidity damages clause as per the specifications.

(c) As and when any assistance is sought by our PSU for awarding contracts, the matter is taken up with the respective State Governments.

Bottlenecks in expansion of cement Industry

1687. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the main bottlenecks in the expansion of cement industry are shortage of wagons and paucity of power; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove these bottlenecks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a)and (b) As far as wagons are concerned, the Indian Railways had carried 30.51 million tonnes of cement traffic during 1991-92 against a target of 30 million tonnes. Ministry of Railways are confident of achieving the target of 31.5 million tonnes set for the year 1992-93. Cement Industry as well as other industrial sectors are adversely affected by paucity of power in certain States. However, distribution of power is primarily the concern of the State Government. The State Electricity Boards are provided assistance from the Central sector generating units to increase availability of power.

राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम के अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई

1688. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम के कर्मचारी संघ द्वारा लगाए गए आरोपों की जांच पूरी हो गई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या निष्कर्ष निकले हैं, और

(ग) दोषी पाए गए अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग में) राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री पी० जे० कुरियन):(क) से (ग) : राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम के कर्मचारी संघ द्वारा लगाए गए आरोपों की जांच की गई है और यह पाया गया है कि इनमें कोई सच्चाई नहीं है।

Recognition of Ambar Charkha by KVIC

1689. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi and Village Industries Commission has not given recognition to pure acrylic spinning and thus depriving the modern Ambar Charkha from subsidies given by the Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are planning to extend recognition to modern Ambar Charkha under the subsidies provisions of the Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIAN) : (a) As far as KVIC is concerned Pure Acrylic Spinning is not recognised by KVIC as it is not a natural fibre. According to KVIC Act "Khadi" means any cloth woven on handlooms in India from Cotton, Silk or Woolen yarn handspun in India or from a mixture of any two or all of such yarns. Therefore, the question of granting of subsidy for pure acrylic spinning does not arise.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above this does not arise.

(c) KVIC has decided to subsidise the new model charkha to the extent of 25% of the cost to the beneficiaries if the charkha is purchased directly or through any agency. Such types of charkha is presently in operation at Saharsa in Bihar where KVIC has taken up special programme to generate employment opportunities to rural artisans.

Professionalisation of Board of Directors of PSUs

1690. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) The specific details about the Board of Directors of Public Sector Undertakings which have so far been made professional as promised in the Industrial Policy Statement of July, 1991; and

(b) what has been the impact of professionalisation on performance of Public Sector Undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The Industrial Policy Statement dated 24-7-1991, inter-alia, state that the Boards of public sector companies would be made more professional and given greater powers. In pursuance of this policy, Government has issued, on 16-3-1992, comprehensive guidelines on the composition of Board of Directors of PSUs. These guidelines, inter-alia, provide for appointment of non-official part-time Directors whose number should be not less than one-third of the actual strength of the Board. Other components of the Board would be fulltime functional Directors whose number shall not exceed 50% of the actual strength. The number of part-time official Directors will be restricted to one or two. The process of reconstitution of Boards, which do not conform to these guidelines, is in progress in different Ministries.

(b) It is too early to evaluate the impact of professionalisation of the Boards of PSUs. However, the involvement of professional experts on the Boards is expected to improve the overall performance of the enterprises over a period of time.

Orders from Iran for BHEL

1691. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the capacity utilisation of the BHEL plant at Trichy is going down due to lack of new orders;

(b) if so, what steps are taken to procure new orders;

(c) whether there is any proposal to get orders from Iran for power equipments; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BHEL is taking the following steps to procure new orders :

(i) Mopping up business from existing power stations through supply of spares, renovation and modernisation of old equipment.

(ii) Marketing drive to obtain balance orders of VIII and IX plans for steam generating equipment.

(iii) Under the new policy of "Private Sector participation in Power Sector" large number of power projects are expected to be taken up and business in this area is being pursued vigorously.

(iv) Greater thrust on exports by focussing on specific potential areas.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Negotiations with Iran for Kerman Power Station of 840 MW capacity comprising 4 units of 210 each are at an advanced stage.